

TO TAKE PLACE IN LEAGUE

Franklin D. Roosevelt So Says in His Speech of Acceptance Reply to the Addressing of Notification by Homer S. Cummings at Hyde Park Today—League of Nations the issue.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Hyde Park, ordinarily a sleepy, picturesque Hudson valley village, awoke today to find itself the Democratic mecca of the East with the rank and file of the party unable to find hotel accommodations either here or in Poughkeepsie pouring into the town at daybreak to attend the notification ceremonies of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Like the notification ceremonies of the three other major candidates there was an "old home week" atmosphere about the day's festivities.

Mr. Roosevelt, who arrived here last evening from Dayton, arose early to assist in preparations to receive a crowd of 10,000 persons expected at Springfield, the Roosevelt ancestral estate, where the ceremony is to be held. They are not scheduled to start until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

There was no mistaking the fact that this was "Frank Roosevelt's Day." Pictures of the candidate and his chief were posted conspicuously about the town, while flags and bunting gave a holiday atmosphere to the main streets. Former navy men regardless of political affiliation, turned out in full force as did the local lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows and the Grange, which Mr. Roosevelt belongs. Weather conditions were ideal.

A pretty natural setting has been provided for the exercises.

The Roosevelt home stands on a broad terrace several hundred feet above the Hudson and is flanked by spacious lawns and beautiful trees. Mr. Roosevelt will speak from the front veranda. The official notification committee headed by Homer S. Cummings will occupy the veranda and on the lawn directly in front of it and the rest of the audience will stand behind them.

The program was not expected to take more than an hour. It will be opened by the singing of the national anthem, followed by the invocation by the Rev. Edward P. Newton, pastor of St. James' Episcopal church, which the Roosevelt family attends. Henry Morgan, Jr., chairman of the local committee on arrangements, will then introduce George White, Democratic National Chairman, who in turn will present Mr. Cummings. Mr. Roosevelt will then deliver his formal speech of acceptance. The exercises will close with benediction by the Rev. David P. Morley, pastor of the Regina Coeli Catholic church here, and the singing of "America."

Mr. Roosevelt leaves Tuesday morning for Chicago where he will open his first campaign tour on Wednesday evening. The tour which will last three weeks will take him to the Pacific coast and back with addresses scheduled in 15 different states in 17 working days.

In his speech of notification Homer S. Cummings said:

"Mr. Roosevelt: There has grown up in national politics the delightful and informative custom of notifying candidates for President and Vice President of their respective nominations through the action of the various committees appointed for that purpose. The Democratic National Convention, which was recently in session at San Francisco, unanimously selected you as the Democratic candidate for President and designated the committee which you see before you, to convey to you officially the tidings of the nomination and the desire of the convention that you should accept it. This nomination of the Nation an opportunity to express the satisfaction which it feels in the result of its deliberations and the high respect and personal affection in which you are held by Democrats everywhere.

"I cannot refrain from commenting upon the differences, so easily noticeable, which characterized the deliberations of the two major national conventions. The Chicago platform was the result of a carefully calculated compromise. Timidity and cunning are its essential characteristics. It offers no remedy for the evils of which it complains and it serves to lead the people to a blind stupor of moral negation. Following the adoption of such a platform, those who had taken charge of the work of the convention, therefore, to the business of nomination. Here again the process of compromise was adopted, complicated as it was by charges and counter-charges of an embarrassing character relative to the improper and excessive use of pre-convention campaign funds. The candidate ultimately chosen was not in fact the choice of any considerable number of the delegates. Every candidate between the lines of nomination who had shown any evidence of popular support was rejected by methods well understood by the initiated; and the choice ultimately fell on one who, in the prophetic language of his present campaign manager, was elected as a result of a conference held in the early hours of the morning by weary men around a table in a Chicago hotel. It cannot for a moment be supposed that a nomination, secured under such circumstances, could evoke any popular response, and, indeed, it failed to create any enthusiasm even in the registering convention itself.

The proceedings at San Francisco were of another sort. Every debatable question was settled upon the open floor of the convention; every group had a full hearing; every right interest was faithfully presented. The platform, expressive of the best thought of America and an earnest purpose to retrieve the world leadership which our country has lost, was adopted amid great enthusiasm; and the selection of candidates for President and Vice President went for-

ward in a manner truly democratic, representative and American. No member of our party can quarrel with the results of the convention; and there is not one truthful observer who will challenge the fairness of its deliberations, the justness of its proceedings, or the legitimate character of its conclusions. The candidates of the San Francisco convention emerged from the deliberations of that body as the free choice of a united party, bearing no taint upon their title to leadership, honor and respect. The Republican party, since 1912, has been the party of obstructive criticism. It has made a specialty of fault findings. In peace, in war and in our relations with other countries, the settled purpose of Republican leadership has been to make trouble, irrespective of the merits of any problem involved. It has carried practically to the point of irritation and discontent rather than to ally them. From every element of discord, and even of sedition, it has sought to draw some resultant of partisan advantage. Its purpose has been and still is repudiation and retreat.

"The Democratic party, since 1912, has been the party of constructive progress. During the brief period before the outbreak of the Great War, its program of progressive legislation was carried practically to completion—an undying record of honor. During the war, every problem of statecraft was successfully met and every essential question bearing upon the peace was promptly and justly solved. When the contest closed and the armistice was signed, America was not only the most powerful and the most honored nation on earth, but it was the most humane and the most unchallenged leader of the world. This is not the statement of exaggeration. It is the calm recital of indisputable fact. Who that upon the signing of the armistice our country held the material and moral leadership of the world? Who will deny that our title to that leadership was the greatest of all? Who will deny that it was ours? Who will deny that the disinterestedness of our country, which was everywhere acknowledged, is now seriously questioned even by those who formerly trusted us? Who will deny that there has been a falling away from the high faith with which we conducted the great enterprise which yesterday ennobled our every thought and brought to the world so close to complete realization?

"What has happened to account for this lowering of the national morale and the forfeiture of the place of honor which had been won by America and American statesmanship? The answer is not far to seek. Practically coincident with the publication of the armistice came the news that the Republican party had been successful in the congressional elections in 1918. From that moment, American progress stopped, partisanship took possession of public affairs, and Republican leaders became more interested in political success than in national honor. The results were immediate and disastrous.

"International complications of a perplexing and sinister character renewed their challenge to the sense of the world. Threatening disturbances went on unabated. Every enemy of society, of peace or of civilization took quick advantage of the fatal period of hesitancy. American commerce, which ought to have been seeking every port in the world, was unable to develop adequate trade channels or find a settled basis for development. All the processes of nations were impaired and the world was a gradual accumulation of domestic problems which have not been adjusted and which cannot be satisfactorily dealt with until our relationship with the world has been determined.

"And upon the horizon, war clouds have gathered again. There has not been an hour since the November elections of 1918 during which the machinery of peace has not been grinding penalty for the Republican triumph of that year. We have now passed through two years of domestic and international chaos. There is but one path of duty. It is to redeem America's word to the world and to assume, without hesitation, our share of the task of rehabilitating the broken structure of civilization. We have once more gained our own self-respect, we shall win back the respect of the world, its trust, its faith and the priceless treasure which comes from the knowledge that we intend to do our part in extending justice throughout the world. The Democratic party is unconquerable in its hold upon the truth that America belongs to the world and that we cannot break faith with others.

"Such is our cause and such our purpose. That you will hold high the standard we place in your hands, we do not for a moment doubt. We pledge you the whole-hearted support of the united Democracy of the nation in this great undertaking to the leadership of which you and the Presidency have been dedicated."

Mr. Cummings and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee:

I accept the nomination for the office of Vice President with humility and with a deep wish to give to our beloved country the best that is in me. No one could receive a higher privilege or opportunity than to be associated with men and ideas which I am confident will soon receive the support of the majority of our citizens.

In fact, I could not conscientiously accept it. I had not come to know the closest intimacy that he who is our selection for the Presidency, and who is my chief and yours, is a man possessed of ideals which are also mine. He will give to America that kind of leadership which we must unreservedly follow. In James M. Cox I recognize one who can lead this nation forward in an unhalting march of progress.

Our great problems confront the next administration; our relations with the world and the pressing need of organized progress at home. The latter includes a systematized and intensified development of our resources and a progressive betterment of our citizenship. These matters will require the guiding hand of a President who can see his country above his party, and who, having a clear vision of the path of duty, has also the independence, courage and skill to guide us along the road to things as they should be without swerving one footstep at the dictation of narrow partisans who whisper of the selfish interests that murmur "Profit."

In our world problems we must either shut our eyes, sell our newly built merchant marine to more far-reaching foreign powers, crush utterly our enterprising and harassing legislation, our foreign trade, close our ports and build an impregnable wall of costly armaments and live, as the Orient used to live, a hermit nation, dream of the past; or, we must open our eyes and see that modern civilization has become so complex and the lives of civilized men so interwoven with the lives of other men in other countries to make it impossible to be in this world and not of it. We must see that it is impossible to avoid the duties of citizenship except by honorable and intimate foreign relations which the fearful-hearted shudderingly miscall by that Devil's catchword "International Complications."

As for our home problem, we have been awakened by this war into a startled realization of the archaic shortcomings of our governmental machinery and of the need for the kind of re-organization which only clear thinking business men can effect in the technicalities of governmental procedure can carry out. Such a man we have. One who has so successfully reformed the business management of his own great estate, he is obviously capable of doing greater things. This is no time to experiment with men who believe that their party can do no wrong and that what is good for the selfish interest of a political party is necessarily good for the nation as well. I as a citizen believe that this year we should choose as President a proved executive. We need to do things; not to talk about them.

Mr. Blue, however, said that about good Americanism. It is right that it should have been said, and it is right that every chance should be seized to repeat the basic truths underlying our prosperity and our national existence. It is not to be wished that an unusual and much to be wished for thing in the coming presentation of the issues a new note of fairness and generosity could be struck. Little, meanness, falsehood, extreme partisanship, these are not in accord with American spirit. I like to think that in this respect also we are moving forward.

Let us be definite. We have passed through a great war—an armed conflict which called for the best of our nation and the best of the whole population. The war was won by Republicans as well as by Democrats. Men of all parties served in our armed forces. Men and women of all parties conducted the government at home. They strived honestly as Americans, not as mere partisans. Republicans and Democrats alike worked in administrative positions, raised Liberty Loans, administered food control, won in munition plants, built ships. The war was brought to a successful conclusion by a glorious common effort—one which in the years to come will be a national pride. I feel very certain that our children will come to regard our participation in the war as the noblest and most honorable of our nation's history. It is a mark of our progress that, for the absence of unfortunate scandal, and for the splendid unity of action which extended to every position of the nation, we would be considered as a model of a practical situation. It is a mark of our progress that, for the absence of unfortunate scandal, and for the splendid unity of action which extended to every position of the nation, we would be considered as a model of a practical situation.

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splendid hope of days of peace for future generations, a peace by Resolution of Congress is an insult and a denial of our national purpose. Today we are offered a seat at the table of the family of nations to the end that smaller peoples may be truly safe to work out their own destiny, to the end that the sword shall not follow on the heels of the merchant, to the end that the burden of increasing armies and navies shall be lifted from the shoulders of a world already staggering under the weight of taxation. We shall take that place, I say so because I have faith that this nation has no selfish destiny, faith that our people are looking in to the years beyond for better things, and that they are not afraid to do their part.

The fundamental outlook on the associations between this Republic and the other Nations can never be very different in character from the principles which one applies to our own purely internal affairs. A man who opposes concrete reforms and improvements in international relations is of necessity a reactionary, or at least a conservative in viewing his home problems.

We can well rejoice in our great land, in our great citizenship brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues, but to fulfill our trust destiny we must be glad for the opportunity for greater service. So much calls to us for action, and the need is so pressing that the slacker of peace is a greater menace than the slacker of war. Progress will come not through the talkers, but through the doers.

It is for this reason that I am especially happy in the pledges given in the platform of the Democratic party. That document is definite. It is a solemn pledge that, given the authority, our party will accomplish clear aims.

Among the most pressing of these national needs I place the bettering of our citizenship, the extension of teaching to over 5,000,000 of our population who are illiterate, the strengthening of our immigration laws to exclude the physically and morally unfit, the improvement of working conditions especially in the congested centers, the extension of our military service to make our life more attractive, the further protection of child life and of women in industry. All of these demand action. If we raise the standard of education, of physical fitness, of moral sense, the generations to come will have no difficulty in coping with the problems of material existence.

So also with regard to the further development of our natural resources we offer a constructive and definite objective. We begin to appreciate the value of our natural resources, we begin to appreciate the value of our opportunities. We need not merely thrift by saving, but thrift by the proper use of what we have at hand. Our efforts in the past have been scattered. It is now time to unite our efforts in a common plan of development, so that each year will see progress along definite lines. The days of "pork barrel" legislation are over. Every dollar of our expenditures for port facilities, for inland waterways, for flood control, for the reclamation of swamp and arid lands, for highways, for public buildings, shall be expended only by trained men in accordance with a continuing plan.

The golden rule of the true public servant is to give to his work the same or even higher interest and efficiency that he would give to his private affairs. There is no reason why the effectiveness of the National government should not at least approximate that of well conducted private business. Today this is the case. I may be pardoned if I draw on my experience of over seven years in an administrative position to state unequivocally that the governmental machinery of this country is not the same or even higher interest and efficiency that he would give to his private affairs. There is no reason why the effectiveness of the National government should not at least approximate that of well conducted private business. Today this is the case. 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